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Examiner : Corrielus, Jean B.

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Interview Summary

Dear Sir:

A brief telephone interview was held between Examiner Jean Corrielus and the undersigned on 9/25/2009. Examiner Corrielus indicated that the application is nearly in condition for allowance except for minor informalities in the claims. Specifically, Examiner Corrielus indicated that claim 4 was redundant with amended claim 1 and that claims 5, 19, 16, and 17 required minor amendments for consistency with their respective base claims. Examiner Corrielus offered to make the necessary changes by the Examiner's amendment. The Examiner's initiative and consideration is greatly appreciated.

An amended claim set, for entry by Examiner's amendment, was sent to Examiner Corrielus informally on 9/28/2009.

A second brief interview was held between Examiner Corrielus and the undersigned on 9/28/2009. Examiner Corrielus indicated that the application may be subject to an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over issued patent US 7,171,180 B2 unless a Terminal Disclaimer was filed.

A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to moot the potential rejection.

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The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned registered practitioner to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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